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## Green Asks Amnesty for Workers Imprisoned by Cuban Government

A. F. of L. President Told Cuban Ambassador Such Action Would Create "Favorable Impression Upon the Minds of the Working People and Their Friends in the United States."

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Washington, D. C.—In a communication to Senator Dr. Guillermo Patterson of Maryland, Chairman of the United States Senate Committee on Labor, A. F. of L. President William Green of the American Federation of Labor urged amnesty for a large number of workers connected with the Cuban labor movement who are serving terms in jail for the alleged commission of offenses growing out of their activities for organized labor and Cuban workers generally.

Mr. Green's letter said, "has always manifested a hearty interest in the welfare of the people of Cuba. We are firmly convinced that all the people of the Republic of Cuba can be best promoted through the extension and the rights of the working people who constitute a substantial part of the Cuban population."

"For these special reasons I am taking the liberty of writing you in behalf of the movement laboring in Cuba to extend amnesty to a large number of workers who have been identified with the organized labor movement in Cuba."

"In behalf of the American Federation of Labor and as the representative of the millions of officers and members, I currently request that you grant amnesty to the administration of the government in Cuba, through you, grant amnesty to all those who are serving prison terms for the alleged commission of offenses growing out of their activities in behalf of organized labor and of the workers of the Republic."

## IRISH UNIONS DEMAND PUBLIC WORKS FOR IDLE

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
The recent session of the Irish Trades Union Congress, in session at Dublin, Irish Free State, has adopted a resolution demanding that the government take measures affecting the welfare of Irish workers with the view of securing employment for the unemployed. The resolution adopted called upon the government to set up a tribunal to provide assistance to the unemployed, to encourage the workers to support trade unionism as a means of securing control of industry for their own benefit.

## UNION HEAD TIES PRISON PHOTO-ENGRAVING SHOPS

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
New York.—Opposition to the maintenance of photo-engraving shops in prison was expressed by President Edward J. Volz of the International Photo-Engravers Union in a letter to the governor of New York State, in which he stated that the shops should not be carried on by any factory or by the government, but should be brought out in that protected industry after a week.

## 60,000 Texans Are on Old-Age Pension List; Total Will Number Nearly 120,000

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Austin, Texas.—The salary benefits and pensions for the indigent aged and infirm people who come under the old-age pension system are actually revealed in a report to the governor of Texas by the State Board of Old-Age Assistance Commission. The report states that the old-age pension law recently enacted in Texas has been successful in securing for the indigent aged and infirm people a minimum of \$10.00 a month. The report also states that the total number of people on the pension list is 60,000, and that the total number of people on the pension list will be nearly 120,000.

## VOLZ CONDEMNNS C. I. O. RULE-OR-RUN POLICY

Photo-Engravers' President Decries Fundamental Principle of American Federation of Labor in Majority Rule.

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
New York, N. Y.—Strong condemnation of the policy of the Committee for Industrial Organization in supporting the decision of the majority in American Federation of Labor convention and attempting to establish minority rule, was expressed by Edward J. Volz, president of the International Photo-Engravers Union of North America, at the convention of the union held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here.

## Coal Industry Nationalization Placed Before British Trades Union Congress

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
The long and successful fight of the American Federation of Labor for the nationalization of the coal industry, and the public relief program, was finally brought before the British Trades Union Congress in a resolution adopted at the annual conference of the union held in London.

## Low-Cost Homes for 651 Families Planned By Big WPA Housing Project in Brooklyn, N. Y.

Washington, D. C. (AP)—The new New York Housing, a slum-clearance project in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, N. Y., will provide 651 low-cost homes for families. The project is being financed by the Federal Works Administration and is being supervised by the New York City Housing Department.

## New Youth Administration Rule Requires Work From All Students Receiving Aid

Washington, D. C. (AP)—The National Youth Administration has promulgated new regulations, by which all beneficiaries of the program must be required to work a certain number of hours each week. The regulations are designed to ensure that the aid is used for the purpose of providing work for the youth.

## SAFER WORK CONDITIONS SOUGHT BY WORLD MINERS

Delegates to Prague Convention Urged International Labor Office to Prepare Code Covering All Countries.

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
The International Miners' Federation has adopted a resolution at its Prague convention, urging the International Labor Office to prepare a code of practice for the mining industry. The resolution states that the code should cover all countries and should be designed to improve the safety and health of miners.

## C. F. SCOTT, SECRETARY OF BOILER MAKERS, DIES

Kearney City, Mo. (AP)—C. F. Scott, secretary of the International Brotherhood of Boiler Makers, died here today. He was 65 years old and had been a member of the union for many years.

## White Collar WPA Workers Ask Prevailing Wage Rate

Harrisburg, Pa. (AP)—A group of "white collar" WPA workers has introduced a resolution at the annual convention of the union, asking that the prevailing wage rate be established for the workers. The resolution states that the workers should be paid the same as the workers in the same industry.

## Co-operative Bakery Plan Backed by Memphis Union

Memphis, Tenn. (AP)—The Memphis Bakery and Confectionery Union has backed a plan for a co-operative bakery. The plan is designed to provide a source of bread for the community and to provide work for the unemployed.

London, Eng. (AP)—The organization of the British Coal Industry has been approved by the House of Commons. The organization is designed to provide a source of coal for the community and to provide work for the unemployed.

## Housing Shortage Needs 1,320,000 New Homes Annually For Ten Years

## COMMERCE DEPARTMENT FINDS 9,550,000 IDLE

A. F. of L. Estimate of 11,600,000 These Who Have Reached Working Age Since 1923.

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Washington, D. C.—The Department of Commerce has announced an estimate that approximately 9,550,000 people are out of work. The estimate is based on the number of people who have reached working age since 1923.

## HEALTH WORK IS ADDED BY 7,444 WPA NURSES

Activities Range From Care of Nephews to Combating Epidemic and Infantile Paralysis.

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
The Federal Works Administration has announced that 7,444 nurses have been added to the WPA program. The nurses are engaged in a variety of health work, including the care of nephews, the combating of epidemic, and the treatment of infantile paralysis.

## Protest Blocks Building

"We come now to a real difficulty," said the speaker. "It is estimated that to build new homes, either for rent or sale, for the people of the United States, it will be necessary to build 1,320,000 new homes annually for the next ten years."

## 28,000 MISSOURIANS NOW DRAW OLD-AGE PENSIONS

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Jefferson City, Mo. (AP)—With the start of the new month, Missouri now has 28,000 people drawing old-age pensions. The pensions are provided for the aged and infirm people of the state.

## Soviet Government Drafts Youth for Military Service

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
The Soviet Government has announced that it has drafted youth for military service. The draft is designed to provide a source of soldiers for the Red Army.

## PICKETS KEEP MILL CLOSED

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
Birmingham, Ala. (AP)—The picketing of the Alabama Lumber Mills has continued today. The pickets are demanding that the mills be closed until the workers' demands are met.

## Interstate Commerce Commission Fixes Insurance for Both Bus and Truck Lines

By A. F. of L. News Service.  
The Interstate Commerce Commission has fixed the insurance for both bus and truck lines. The insurance is designed to provide a source of funds for the victims of accidents.

## Proposed Pension Bill Includes For Older Workers

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The proposed pension bill includes provisions for older workers. The provisions are designed to provide a source of funds for the aged and infirm people.

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